

# JAMES, ALMIRA MOORE AND MARY MURDOCK DUKE



James Duke, eldest son of Jonathan Oldham and Mary Stone Duke, was born in Albany, New York, December 21, 1829. He married Almira Moore on October 10, 1851. They were parents of 11 children: James Moore, Almira Jane, Ethan Allen, Robert Stone, John Calvin, Joseph Moroni, Helaman, Mahonri M., Lamon Roy, Bernice Gertrude, and Sarah.

James Duke married Mary Murdoch in October, 1868, as a plural wife. She and James were parents of eight children. James died at Wallsburg on the 20th of May, 1892.

With his parents, James Duke came to Nauvoo in 1840, and as a boy of 11 years he saw and heard Joseph and Hyrum Smith preach many times. He remembered many of the sufferings and persecutions of the Mormon people in and around Nauvoo.

In 1850 the family started for Utah. James was a teamster and hunter. He was taken down with mountain fever and they had to lay over until he was able to travel. They soon overtook the main company.

They lived the first winter in the Twelfth Ward in Salt Lake City, but in the spring of 1851 they moved to Provo and built a home. He worked as a mason and helped to build some of the first buildings in Provo.

In 1860 he came to Heber. He was president of the dramatic association for some years, also a prominent actor in early days, when people had to furnish their own entertainment. He was a drummer in the Territorial Militia during the Black Hawk War, in 1866 and 1867. He sometimes acted as an Indian interpreter. He built the old Heber tithing office and President Hatch's first house in Heber. He also had a farm.

In October, 1868, he married Mary Murdoch as a plural wife, and she bore him eight children, named in their mother's history.

He built a home in Wallsburg for his first wife and family. He was a very friendly man and was one of the main promoters of amusements in early days. He was a member of the High Priests' Quorum, and was a firm believer in the Gospel. Although he never received much of this world's goods, he was rich in kind words and deeds, and the love and goodwill of all his associates.

## MARY M. MURDOCK DUKE RYAN



Mary M. Murdoch Duke Ryan was born in a small tent on the bank of a stream about nine miles from Kansas City. A terrible thunderstorm was raging when she was born. She was the third child. The two older children had died a short time before of cholera. The pioneer camp was quarantined for the disease. Mary's mother was very sick, but with the help of Lord she was soon able to walk and carry her baby to Salt Lake City. It was six months from the time they left Scotland until they arrived at their destination. They lived in Salt Lake City for eight years before coming to Heber.

She endured a typical pioneer's life in rearing her family. She was a good dress-maker and was able to take care of her family well until they were able to care for themselves. Then she lived with Dr. David Crawford Lindsay, caring for their baby until they left Heber. Later she went to care for David Keith Jr. She took a world tour with the Keiths. She lived with them until young David needed a governess. After returning to Heber she married

William Ryan and lived several happy years until her death.

## HUSBAND

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S FATHER

HUSBAND'S  
MOTHERHUSBAND'S  
OTHER WIVES

## WIFE

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

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JOHN AND R. S. DUKE.

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Wherever a person was in trouble, or had sickness in his family and he went first to John or Robt. S. Duke. They have spent many weary nights, sitting up with the sick and have always ben on hand to give words of comfort and consolation to those who were in distress or sorrow. In doing this they were carrying on the work of their father, who set the example for them.

Their parents, Jonathan O. and Mary Stone Duke, came from Derbyshire, England, in 1829, and settled at Albany, New York, where they em-

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braced the gospel in 1836. Three years later they moved to Nauvoo, Ill., and joined the main body of the church. On the way, however, they place the Saints were organized into companies for crossing the plains. They reached Salt Lake City October 3, 1850, and the next year moved to Provo.

John Duke was born at Albany, New York, November 19, 1834. He moved to Heber in the spring of 1861. He past through all the early hardships incident to pioneer life, but only a few of the many interesting events can be mentioned here. When the call was made for assistance to establish the Pony Express, John Duke was sent back to Ft. Leavenworth, as one of the riders, but before the arrangements were completed, Wells Fargo & Company received the contract for carrying the mail and the project was abandoned.

## JOHN DUKE AND MARY JONES DUKE



John Duke was born November 19, 1834, at Albany, New York, son of Jonathan Oldham and Mary Stone Duke. He married Martha V. Young on March 31, 1857, and on April 6, 1857, married Mary Jones. Mary was born January 11, 1840, in Pennsville, Ohio. She was the daughter of Elisha and Margaret Talbot Jones. John Duke died November 3, 1919. Mary died September 2, 1927.

John Duke saw Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum quite often and remembered the cruel assassination on the 27th of June, 1844, in Carthage Jail. At the time Joseph and Hyrum were killed he and his brother Robert were playing by a creek which ran through Nauvoo and the water seemed to turn red like blood. John remembered when the quails came and settled on the tents and wagons, so that the people could catch them with their hands. The people acknowledged the hand of God in the sending of the quails, as they were hungry. This is when they were on the banks of the Mississippi River, with no way to get across. In the spring of 1850 they started for Utah in the James Pac's Independent Co. They saw many buffalo and a few were killed for food. He assisted in making roads into the canyons, where poles were obtained to build fences. He took up land which he later gave for the city cemetery and stone quarry, for the use of the community. He and his brothers, Robert and James, were pioneer brickmakers in Heber. They operated a brick yard north of town many years. John was a ward teacher many years. In 1877 he became first counselor to Bishop Clegg of

Heber West Ward. He was also chosen as a counselor to John M. Murdoch in the High Priests' quorum and held that office many years. In 1894 he was ordained a patriarch, giving many blessings to the people. John and his wife Mary lived to celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary, on April 6, 1917.

Mary Jones was the mother of 12 children. In 1862, John and Mary moved to Heber, where John had taken up some land, and built a log house. Later he built a brick house on the same lot. Not long after they came to Heber, Mary lost her second daughter, then in 1868 she lost twin daughters. She took in washing, did nursing and made quilts, and even sheared sheep to help. She often went with her husband to administer to the sick, she being very competent in caring for the sick and assisting in case of death. Mary was a counselor to Ann Murdock on the Stake Primary Board. She also worked in the stake Mutual and was a Relief Society teacher for many years.

John and Mary were parents of the following 12 children: Mrs. Thomas Murdock, Margaret, Elizabeth, Jonathan O., Elisha Jones, Mrs. Thomas H. (Julia) Crook, Mrs. Harmon (May) Cummings, Olive, Mrs. Gabriel (Stella) Nicol, Mrs. William (Sylvia) Buckley, Mrs. Matt (Hannah) Clements.

John and Martha were parents of the following 10 children: Mrs. Charles (Rhoda) Moulton, John Jr., Sarah, Alfred, Mrs. Bert (Annie) Murch, Louise, Joseph, Wesley Van, and two others who died in infancy.

## MARTHA VAN YOUNG DUKE



Martha Van Young was born February 8, 1842, in Tennessee. Her parents were

Adolphia Young and Rhoda D. Jared Young. They were married in Tennessee on July 26, 1836.

Martha was married to John Duke on March 28, 1857. Their children were: John Jr., Mrs. Charles (Rhoda) Moulton, Sarah, Mrs. Bert (Annie) Murch, Alfred, Lewis, Joseph, and Wesley Van, and two little girls who died of diphtheria and were buried in one grave. She died at Heber City on December 28, 1914.

Her father was a very good carpenter by trade, and her Grandfather Young was a well-to-do, old-time southerner, who employed Negroes. Her grandfather had many good servants.

John D. Lee and Alfred Young, her father's cousin, brought the gospel to the Young family. Her father and mother both joined the Church, each being the only one in their respective families to do so.

In the fall of that year, Martha's father's family moved to Nauvoo. They lived in the basement of John D. Lee's house. While living there they were awakened one morning about daybreak by Hyrum Wooley, calling from the floor above. He called to her mother, saying: "Oh, Rhoda, Rhoda, Joseph and Hyrum have been murdered." That day everyone was in tears. They lived in Nauvoo until the saints were driven out, then they went to Council Bluffs, Iowa. Before leaving for Utah they went back to Tennessee to see her grandmother and other relatives.

On March 13, 1852, they bade their relatives all goodbye. They then went to Nashville and took the ill-fated steamer "Saluda" and at Lexington, Missouri, it blew up. After standing still at Lexington all night, where it was being prepared to take a fresh start up the river to Kaneshville, the captain was talking to the fireman and said: "I'll stem this current or blow her to ———". The wheel was turned a few times and there was a terrible explosion. The boat was blown all to pieces and about 150 persons were killed. The captain's body was blown away on the hillside. The boat was near enough to the bank to lay a plank thereto, but so many rushed on to it for safety that it broke and let some of them into the water, but they were soon rescued.

The Youngs were the only family to sur-

vive without a loss. Isaac Bullock of Provo was another one on the boat. He had some money in his pocket; after the explosion it was all at his feet.

Her father got them all together as soon as possible and, after counting them, he said, "Martha's gone." He rushed back onto the boat and found her in the hull, where she had fallen when the hatch door blew up. She was not hurt, only a bad bruise from being hit with the door.

They stayed at Lexington, Missouri, for six weeks. Their bedding and luggage were all wet and it required some time to repair the damage done to their belongings.

Father Young bought three yoke of cattle, three cows, a wagon, a tent and everything they needed for the trip to Utah. They were well fitted for comfort and had plenty to eat, as her mother with forethought had prepared well for this long journey.

After traveling for 10 weeks, the disease of cholera broke out in their camp. On the 2nd of July, Father Young was stricken. He lived five days and died, being buried without a coffin. Her mother had a nice bedspread she had made and wrapped his body in it, then a heavy linsy quilt. In this way he was laid in his grave.

After his burial they traveled that morning with heavy hearts. Their trip from then on was uneventful. They had no more sickness or death. They arrived in Salt Lake Valley on September 24, 1852.

All were thrilled with joy as they gazed on the beautiful valley, the mountains, the lake and the nest of houses called the city.

In 1855, Martha's mother's family moved to Provo. In 1857 she and her sister married John and Robert Duke. In 1860 they moved to Provo Valley, later called Heber. After leaving the fort, Martha and John took up land east of town. Later they gave a tract of this land to the town for a cemetery.

Martha lived in Heber the remainder of her life, passing away December 28, 1914.



# LAWRENCE B. AND KATIE HICKEN DUKE



Lawrence B. Duke was born January 10, 1870, in Heber, Wasatch County, Utah. He was the son of Robert S. Duke and Anna Ross Young, pioneers of the oxen team.

He married Katie (Katherine) Hicken on November 19, 1902, in the Salt Lake Temple. She was the daughter of Addison and Elizabeth Hicken. Elizabeth was a member of the Willie handcart company.

Lawrence attended school in Heber and a Church school which was taught by Enoch Jorgensen, and also helped in some of the classes.

He attended Brigham Young Academy at Provo and taught school at Hailstone.

In his boyhood days he herded cows on the foothills, for there were no pastures in those days.

As a young man he was a leader in the social life of the community. He was placed in many offices of responsibility and leadership in the Church. He served as president of the YMMIA in both the stake

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and ward, one of the seven presidents of the Twentieth Quorum of Seventy, tithing clerk, counselor in the Bishopric of Heber First Ward, and was ward clerk many years. He filled an LDS mission.

He was a farmer and RFD mail carrier 30 years to the Daniel, Center, and Lake Creek area. He never missed a day, driving horse and buggy and Model T Fords.

After retiring from delivering mail he helped his sons get timber from the mountains to the sawmills and mines.

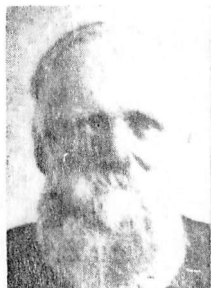
Nine children were born to this couple: Brigham, Alma H., Enid E., William Howard, Lola May Berg, Marden Addison, Jennie E. Carlson, L. Woodrow, and Nellie D. Hollinghead.

He made a happy home and was lovable and kind.

His motto was never to say a word about people unless it is "good and true," and he lived it.

He was a true, honest and industrious man, and lived every principle of the Gospel.

He was a life-long resident of Heber City, dying November 4, 1941, following several days' illness.



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They became pioneers of Utah and Heber Valley. He came to Heber from Provo and carried a plow on his back. He settled just west of the cemetery section and made his home there for over 60 years.

Robert S. Duke became bishop of Heber East Ward and was a servant to his people. He visited the sick, comforted the bereaved, and ministered to the poor. His last twenty years were served as a Patriarch of Wasatch Stake. For many years he collected milk from the valley farmers and delivered it to Hatch's creamery, north of town. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He died June 16, 1923.

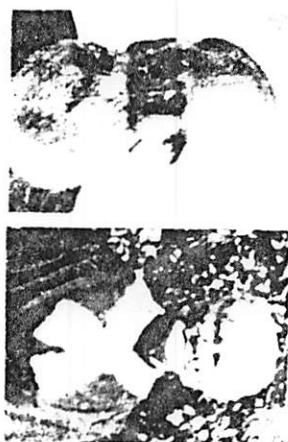
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## ROBERT STONE DUKE

Robert Stone Duke was born April 14, 1837, in the state of New York. His parents were early converts to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As a boy he lived in Nauvoo and was acquainted with Joseph Smith. He remembered the



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Robert S. Duke was born at Albany, New York, April 13, 1837. Came to this valley in the summer of 1859, and look up a piece of land. The next season he moved his family here and built a house and made other improvements.

Among the incidents in his life in the early days of this valley, we might mention that when the road was washed out in the spring of 1862, he went to Provo on foot and carried a plow up the canyon over the snow-slip to Heber with which to do his spring plowing. Many interesting incidents and important historical facts in which he has taken part could be mention if time and space would admit of it.

These two persons, John and Robert S. Duke, have taken an active part in the Indian troubles, the construction of canals and the building of school houses, churches and all other public structures. They have cheerfully answered every call to church duties, and each has been honored by appointment to the high ecclesiastical position of patriarch. Robert S. Duke held the office of Bishop in the Heber East Ward from 1884 to 1901.



Robert S. Duke

Portrait  
1901

## Robert Stone Duke

2nd Bishop of Heber 1st Ward  
Apr 1854 to 1901

1st Counselor: Orson Hicken

2nd " : Henry Shulder

Clerk:

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:  
DATES: 14 Apr 1794  
To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.  
NAMES: WATSON, John Henry  
PLACES: Sharon, Wndr, Vrmn  
FAMILY GROUP RECORD

<b>HUSBAND</b> DUKE, Robert Stone (farmer)										Husband DUKE, Robert Stone 1837																					
Born		14 Apr 1837		Place		Albany, Albany, N.Y.						Wife		YOUNG, Anna Ross																	
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Arr.		6 Mar 1857		Place		Provo, Utah, Utah						Examiners:		2. JB		Mr. Alma Hicken Duke															
Died		13 June 1923		Place		Heber City, Wstch, Utah						Stake or				325 E. 5th North															
Bur.		16 June 1923		Place		Heber City, Wstch, Utah						Mission		Wasatch Stake		Heber City, Utah															
HUSBAND'S FATHER		DUKE, Jonathan Oldham						HUSBAND'S MOTHER		STONE, Mary																					
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES		(2) 11 Nov 1872 HORRACKS, Rachel (sld 11 Nov 1872 ) EH																													
<b>WIFE</b> (1) YOUNG, Anna Ross																															
Born		13 July 1840		Place		Putnam, Putnam, Tnns																									
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Died		14 Jan 1926		Place		Heber City, Wstch, Utah																									
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WIFE'S FATHER		YOUNG, Adolphia						WIFE'S MOTHER		JARED, Rhoda Byrne																					
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M		List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth										DAY		MONTH		YEAR		TOWN		COUNTY		STATE OR COUNTRY		TO WHOM		DAY		MONTH		YEAR	
F		SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES																													
1		DUKE, Robert										4		Dec		1857		Provo		Utah		Utah		9 Feb 1882		15 Oct 1920					
2		DUKE, Adolphia Young										25		Jan		1860		Provo		Utah		Utah		6 Nov 1884		25 Feb 1940					
3		DUKE, Anna Lenora										18		Dec		1862		Heber City		Wstch		Utah		7 May 1890		23 Aug 1938					
4		DUKE, Mary Maranda										23		Sep		1864		Heber City		Wstch		Utah		UNMD		22 Apr 1881					
5		DUKE, Francis Mirian										11		Dec		1866		Heber City		Wstch		Utah		UNMD		2 Sep 1879					
6 X		DUKE, Lawrence Brigham										10		Jan		1870		Heber City		Wstch		Utah		19 Nov 1902		4 Nov 1945					
7		DUKE, Rhoda Matilda										31		Aug		1872		Heber City		Wstch		Utah		27 Apr 1901		26 Aug 1947					
8		DUKE, Alma										15		June		1874		Heber City		Wstch		Utah				18 June 1879					
9		DUKE, William Wade										20		July		1876		Heber City		Wstch		Utah				14 Aug 1879					
10		DUKE, Martha Jane										20		Sep		1878		Heber City		Wstch		Utah		15 Sep 1909		4 Oct 1957					
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<b>SOURCES OF INFORMATION</b> Family records kept by Lawrence B. Duke which are in the possession of Woodrow Duke, 291 N. 3rd E., Heber City, Utah										<b>OTHER MARRIAGES</b>										<b>NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS</b> #4, #5, #8, #9 -died of Typhoid Fever (3 in 1879 - 1 in 1881 from the effects)									
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# ELI GEORGE AND ENIMA DURNELL



He learned the tinsmith trade and helped install many of the roofs in Salt Lake City. He attended school in Salt Lake City after arriving in Utah.

He and his mother moved to Heber after her marriage to James Carlie. He lived in Heber until 1924, when he and his wife Enima moved with their children to Provo.

Eli George Durnell and Enima Johnson were married June 11, 1902. Enima Johnson was born in Heber City on July 23, 1880, to Mr. and Mrs. Olin Johnson. She was reared in Heber and attended school there.

They are the parents of seven children. Two children died when infants. The children were Marna, George Ray, Bessie, Madge, Edna Lucille, Audrey and Burnice. Edna Lucille and Audrey died as infants. They have four children living and six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Eli George Durnell was a peace officer many years, first as a deputy marshal at Heber and later as Wasatch county sheriff from 1918 to 1922. He was special agent for the D & R G. railroad until they moved to Provo, where he was a policeman for eight years and sheriff of Utah County for three years.

George is a member of the Peace Officers' Association, having served as president, and a member of the Elks Lodge. He is a member of the LDS Church, being baptized at the Endowment House in Salt Lake City.

Eli George Durnell was born in Marsh field, Somersetshire, England, a few miles from London on August 12, 1875, to George Durnell and Eliza Hallett Durnell.

His father died suddenly in 1878, leaving his mother and her sister Ellen to rear Ellen died in 1881.

In 1882, George and his mother left their native England after she had been converted to the LDS Church. His mother was a very sweet, loving and thoughtful person and was loved by her family.

After coming to Utah, he worked as a newspaper boy on the streets of Salt Lake City. Later he worked on many farms as a growing boy, mostly in the Draper area.

*Farmer*



PHILLIP WILLIAM EDWARDS

Phillip William Edwards was born February 7, 1864, at Salt Lake City, a son of Phillip and Mary Simmons Edwards. He married Bertha Webster, December 19, 1888, at Heber City.

Phillip William Edwards moved to Charleston with his parents in April 1883. He worked in Daniels Canyon getting logs and sawing them into lumber to build his home. Phillip and Bertha received their endowments on October 29, 1890 in the Logan Temple.

Phillip was President and Director of Charleston Irrigation Company for twenty years. He was a High Priest at the time of his death.

Phillip and Bertha were the parents of eight children: Albert William, Mrs. Clarence (Mary Draper) Widdison, Mrs. Ernest (Violet Ann) Rasband, Mrs. Wheatleigh (Vida Anna) Gibson, Mrs. Sylvan (Agnes Chloe) Shanks, Glen Raymond, Reed Douglas and Mrs. Lewis L. (Florence) Galli.

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✓ Logger  
Irrigation Co  
Farmer

## DANIEL BIOGRAPHIES

### WILLIAM ELLIOTT AND LYDIA ANN SMITH ELLIOTT SWEAT AND BRIGHAM SWEAT

William Elliott was born October 5, 1869, at Provo, Utah, son of George and Mary Sweat Elliott. Lydia was born October 5, 1872, at Scipio, Millard County, daughter of John J. and Eliza Robins Henry Smith. After William's death, Lydia married Brigham Sweat, who was born April 21, 1871, son of George Hyrum and Julia Emmeline Mechem Sweat. Lydia died February 27, 1938. Brigham died October 12, 1955.

William and Lydia lived at Center Creek following their marriage. To them were born William Jr., Vilate, Raymond and Earl B.

William met death by being dragged by a runaway team along the road east of the Eric Erickson homestead.

Lydia and Brigham Sweat had a son, Douglas. Lydia also reared Cecil Clark.

CHARLES ALONZO AND  
ELIZABETH COLEMAN  
EPPERSON



Charles Alonzo Epperson, son of Sidney H. and Mary Jane Robey Epperson. Born March 15, 1856, Provo, Utah. Married Elizabeth Bailey Coleman October 8, 1881. Died March 17, 1927, Midway.

Elizabeth Bailey, daughter of Henry and Mary Jane Threlkeld Coleman. Born December 9, 1861, Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, Utah. Died January 12, 1943, in Salt Lake City.

Both buried in Midway.

Charles Alonzo Epperson was born in Provo, and later moved with his family to Midway. He was a boy during the Black Hawk War. He herded cows, loved horses, and was an expert rider. He also loved sports, played the accordion and could "step dance."

On October 8, 1881, he was married to Elizabeth Bailey Coleman. They lived for a short time on the Epperson farm in what is called Stringtown and then moved to a home on their own farm on the Snake Creek in the southwest end of Midway proper.

"Aunt Libby" as she was lovingly called by relatives and friends was a thrifty and hard-working housewife and a loving and devoted mother. She was endowed with many talents. As an expert seamstress she made many different articles of clothing for people in Midway, Heber and Charleston. She painted on velvet, satin and on the old time "oil cloth splashers." She also did beautiful handiwork—crocheting, knitting and embroidering.

As a girl, Elizabeth lived with her parents in the upper settlement. She tells of walking down to Sunday School in her bare feet to save her shoes, putting them on at the edge of town. She picked hops and took them

MIDWAY BIOGRAPHIES

to Salt Lake City in a gunny sack to sell.

Alonzo farmed, hauled milk to the Charles-ton creamery and was a fine and experienced "feeder" on the threshing machine. Together they raised geese, plucked their down and feathers and sold them to make pillows and mattresses. Elizabeth would churn butter, gather eggs and pack them, and loading them and the children into the bob sled, would go to Park City to sell them to the Smith Butcher Shop.

Elizabeth was a charter member and officer in the Hawthorne Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She was a devoted and ardent worker in the Church.

Children of Alonzo and Elizabeth Coleman Epperson:

Elizabeth Luella, married Jesse Owen Lowman;

Charles Ellis, married (1) Clara Madsen,

(2) Rose Sullivan, (3) Alice Colovich;

Sidney Wallace, married Clara Howarth;

Vera, married William Arthur Clayton;

Lamont, married Reva Thornton;

Henry, died;

Mary Jane, died;

Dean, died;

Forrest Drew, died.

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CHARLES ALONZO AND  
ELIZABETH COLEMAN  
EPPERSON



Charles Alonzo Epperson, son of Sidney H. and Mary Jane Robey Epperson. Born March 15, 1856, Provo, Utah. Married Elizabeth Bailey Coleman October 8, 1881. Died March 17, 1927, Midway.

Elizabeth Bailey, daughter of Henry and Mary Jane Threlkeld Coleman. Born December 9, 1861, Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, Utah. Died January 12, 1943, in Salt Lake City.

Both buried in Midway.

Charles Alonzo Epperson was born in Provo, and later moved with his family to Midway. He was a boy during the Black Hawk War. He herded cows, loved horses, and was an expert rider. He also loved sports, played the accordion and could "step dance."

On October 8, 1881, he was married to Elizabeth Bailey Coleman. They lived for a short time on the Epperson farm in what is called Stringtown and then moved to a home on their own farm on the Snake Creek in the southwest end of Midway proper.

"Aunt Libby" as she was lovingly called by relatives and friends was a thrifty and hard-working housewife and a loving and devoted mother. She was endowed with many talents. As an expert seamstress she made many different articles of clothing for people in Midway, Heber and Charleston. She painted on velvet, satin and on the old time "oil cloth splashers." She also did beautiful handiwork, crocheting, knitting and embroidering.

As a girl, Elizabeth lived with her parents in the upper settlement. She tells of walking down to Sunday School in her bare feet to save her shoes, putting them on at the edge of the school house, and took them

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to Salt Lake City in a gunny sack to sell.

Alonzo farmed, hauled milk to the Charleston creamery and was a fine and experienced "feeder" on the threshing machine. Together they raised geese, plucked their down and feathers and sold them to make pillows and mattresses. Elizabeth would churn butter, gather eggs and pack them, and loading them and the children into the bob sled, would go to Park City to sell them to the Smith Butcher Shop.

Elizabeth was a charter member and officer in the Hawthorne Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She was a devoted and ardent worker in the Church.

Children of Alonzo and Elizabeth Coleman Epperson:

Elizabeth Luella, married Jesse Owen Lowman;

Charles Ellis, married (1) Clara Madsen, (2) Rose Sullivan, (3) Alice Colovich;

Sidney Wallace, married Clara Howarth;

Vera, married William Arthur Clayton;

Lamont, married Reva Thornton;

Henry, died;

Mary Jane, died;

Dean, died;

Forrest Drew, died.



# ERICK ERICKSON



Erick Erickson, also known as Eric Erson, was born April 23, 1837, in Sandvreten, Osterhaninge, Stockholm, Sweden. His wife, Anna Maria Andersdotter, was born December 8, 1832, also in Sweden. Erick was a son of Erick Gabrielson and Anna Greta Larson. Anna Maria's parents were Anders Olson and Katrina Nilson.

Erick and Anna Maria were married in 1865. On May 4, 1866, they were blessed with a fine son, who was given the name of Andrew Gustav. Later, on February 1, 1875, they were privileged to have another son, Charles. He was born in this new land of America.

In 1870 the missionaries found and converted this couple to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. On August 7, 1870, Erick was baptized and confirmed a member of this organization by Adolf

Lundholm. Just 31 days later his wife, Anna Maria, followed him into the waters of baptism. This ordinance also was performed by Brother Lundholm. Later, on October 24, 1892, they received their endowments in the Logan Temple and were sealed for time and eternity.

After their conversion to "Mormonism," they were very anxious to join the saints in Utah, leaving Sweden in 1872 for America, where they settled in Alta, Utah. Alta in the 1870s was a booming mining town, noted for its lawlessness, murders, snowslides, and the "Emma Mine" of international fame.

It is no wonder that these peace-loving people looked over the mountain into peaceful Heber Valley and saw prospects of a better life. So, in 1874, they moved to Heber and engaged in farming, as they had been doing in Sweden.

Erick answered the call of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to fulfill a mission to his native land from October, 1892, till September, 1894. He was at all times willing and capable of teaching the gospel, which he loved so dearly. He was a very popular speaker at Swedish gatherings in Heber Valley.

"Big Erick," as he was called, was famous for his great strength and stature. He was a constant delight to his friends because of his ability to perform outstanding feats of strength. Erick and Anna were noted for their hospitality, and Anna especially for her Swedish cookies, of which she always had plenty to share with others.

They supported their son, Andrew, in his fulfilment of two missions back to Sweden. In 1905, Andrew made his folks very happy by bringing his bride to live close to them. Their first grandchild, Giles Andrew, died in infancy, but on January 28, 1908, they were presented with a little granddaughter, named Anna Kezia. She was a great source of joy to them. It wasn't until just four months before Anna Maria's death that they were blessed with another granddaughter, Ella Viona.

Death called Erick on November 27, 1912. Anna Maria continued to live with her devoted son, Charles, in their home in Heber until she passed away on July 15, 1918.

Charles and Eva Marie Anderson, both of whom had been caring for aging par-

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ents, were married October 15, 1921, so Erick and Anna Maria didn't have the privilege of knowing their only living grandson, Fred.

Martha Anderson Olson Erickson, born February 14, 1831, in Holnshire, Stockholm, Sweden, died May 27, 1899, a daughter of Anders Anderson and Anna Jensen.

Married to Olof Olson.

Children: Christina (Mr. Poulson) and Andrew Olson.

Married to Erick P. Erickson.

Children: Augusta Josephine (Mr. Olson).

Martha Anderson Olson Erickson was married to Olof Olson, who died and was buried in the ocean on the way to America. She had two children by this marriage. Martha continued her journey and came to Utah with the pioneers, settling in Peoa, Utah, about 1872.

She married Erick P. Erickson in Peoa and came to Heber about 1882. Martha was a sister to Nels Anderson, Olof Anderson, Jonas Anderson and Andreas Anderson, who was a blacksmith in Heber many years, and of Christine Anderson Poulson.

Martha and her parents are buried in Heber Cemetery. Martha had her endowments in the Endowment House, June 16, 1873.